

BALTIMORE COUNTY IS AGING

INTRODUCTION

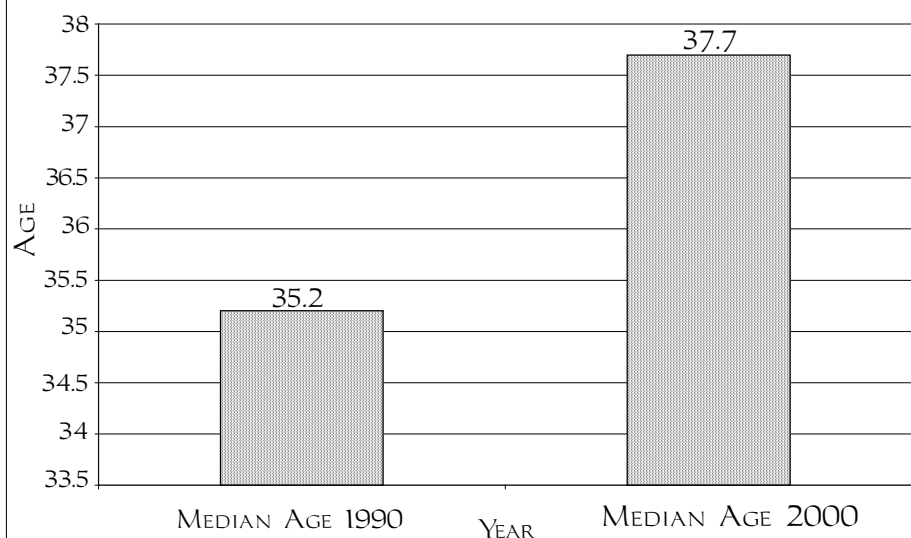
This is the fourth in a series of Census newsletters published by Baltimore County Office of Planning to disseminate census data. The first three newsletters included information on total population, population by race and housing units. The current newsletter report examines the age distribution of Baltimore County residents. Baltimore County is a mature jurisdiction with an aging population. During the ten-year period between 1990 and 2000, the median age in Baltimore County increased from 35.2 to 37.7 years of age. As County residents become older, the agencies that provide services to the County's elderly residents will experience more demands for their services. An older population also has an impact on the job market, and the type of facilities

and services that are needed to service this population. During this same period, the number of persons under the age of five declined while those five to nineteen increased. These changes will affect childcare for parents in the workforce and the school system. On April 1, 2000, there were 754,292 persons in Baltimore County. Of that total, 45,252 or 6% were under five years of age; 152,440 or 20.2% were between ages of 5 to 19; and 140,313 or 18.6 % were 60 years of age or older. Persons between the ages of 20 and 59 represent 55.2% of the population or 416,289 persons.

MEDIAN AGE

Baltimore County residents are getting older. The median age for Baltimore County residents increased from 35.2 years of age in 1990 to 37.7 in 2000. During that ten-year period, the median age of County residents increased by 2.5 years. As County residents become older, the type/kind of services required by residents will change over time such as increased demand for more passive recreational activities.

MEDIAN AGE 1990 AND 2000

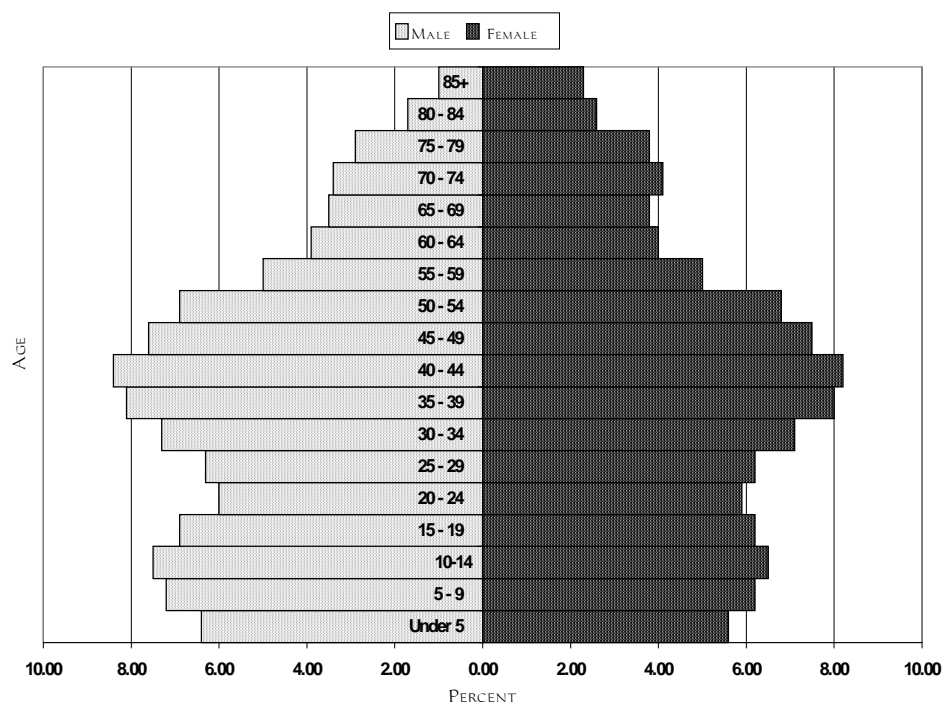


POPULATION BY AGE GROUP

In 2000, the largest 5-year age group was 40 to 44 year olds with 62,647 persons, representing 8.3% of the population. The second largest age group was 35 to 39 year olds with 60,797 representing 8.1% of the population. People in these two age groups were born during 1956 and 1965, which is part of the post World War II baby boom period (1946 to 1964). The 50 to 54 age group experienced the largest percent change during the 1990's, 54.5%. The second largest age was the 80 to 84 year olds which experienced a 49.7% change. Several age groups lost population during this ten-year period (under 5, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 60-64 and 65-69).

In 1990, the "baby boom" population was between the ages of 26 and 44. Ten years later, in 2000, the baby boom population was between the ages of 36 and 54. There were more persons in the 36 to 54 age group in 2000 than there were in 1990. As baby boomers become older, there will be more persons in the older groups than the younger age groups. Their impact on the resources of Baltimore County will be felt for many years to come.

BALTIMORE COUNTY POPULATION, APRIL 1, 2000



POPULATION BY AGE, APRIL 1, 1990

AGE	BOTH SEXES	PERCENT BOTH SEXES	NUMBER		PERCENT	
			MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
UNDER 5	47,280	6.8%	24,146	23,134	7.3%	6.4%
5 - 9	43,038	6.2%	21,780	21,258	6.6%	5.9%
10-14	38,051	5.5%	19,436	18,615	5.9%	5.1%
15 - 19	40,478	5.8%	20,331	20,147	6.2%	5.6%
20 - 24	50,618	7.3%	24,492	26,126	7.4%	7.2%
25 - 29	61,556	8.9%	30,133	31,423	9.1%	8.7%
30 - 34	63,060	9.1%	30,802	32,258	9.3%	8.9%
35 - 39	56,889	8.2%	27,648	29,241	8.4%	8.1%
40 - 44	52,292	7.6%	25,227	27,065	7.6%	7.5%
45 - 49	40,930	5.9%	19,647	21,283	5.9%	5.9%
50 - 54	33,262	4.8%	15,931	17,331	4.8%	4.8%
55 - 59	32,848	4.7%	15,728	17,120	4.8%	4.7%
60 - 64	34,983	5.1%	16,271	18,712	4.9%	5.2%
65 - 69	33,987	4.9%	15,034	18,953	4.6%	5.2%
70 - 74	25,487	3.7%	11,016	14,471	3.3%	4.0%
75 - 79	17,722	2.6%	6,904	10,818	2.1%	3.0%
80 - 84	11,015	1.6%	3,710	7,305	1.1%	2.0%
85+	8,638	1.2%	2,103	6,535	0.6%	1.8%
TOTALS	692,134	100.0%	330,339	361,795	100.0%	100.0%

POPULATION BY AGE, APRIL 1, 2000

AGE	BOTH SEXES	PERCENT BOTH SEXES	NUMBER		PERCENT	
			MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
UNDER 5	45,252	6.0%	23,038	22,214	6.4%	5.6%
5 - 9	50,423	6.7%	25,758	24,665	7.2%	6.2%
10-14	52,541	7.0%	26,859	25,682	7.5%	6.5%
15 - 19	49,476	6.6%	24,756	24,720	6.9%	6.2%
20 - 24	45,112	6.0%	21,563	23,549	6.0%	5.9%
25 - 29	47,026	6.2%	22,462	24,564	6.3%	6.2%
30 - 34	54,314	7.2%	26,053	28,261	7.3%	7.1%
35 - 39	60,797	8.1%	28,940	31,857	8.1%	8.0%
40 - 44	62,647	8.3%	29,919	32,728	8.4%	8.2%
45 - 49	57,154	7.6%	27,188	29,966	7.6%	7.5%
50 - 54	51,388	6.8%	24,487	26,901	6.9%	6.8%
55 - 59	37,849	5.0%	17,853	19,996	5.0%	5.0%
60 - 64	29,978	4.0%	13,946	16,032	3.9%	4.0%
65 - 69	27,378	3.6%	12,381	14,997	3.5%	3.8%
70 - 74	28,195	3.7%	12,103	16,092	3.4%	4.1%
75 - 79	25,511	3.4%	10,258	15,253	2.9%	3.8%
80 - 84	16,494	2.2%	6,206	10,288	1.7%	2.6%
85+	12,757	1.7%	3,577	9,180	1.0%	2.3%
TOTALS	754,292	100.0%	357,347	396,945	100.0%	100.0%

POPULATION CHANGE 1990 TO 2000

AGE	BOTH SEXES	NUMBER		BOTH SEXES	PERCENT	
		MALE	FEMALE		MALE	FEMALE
UNDER 5	-2,028	-1,108	-920	-4.29%	-4.6%	-4.0%
5 - 9	7,385	3,978	3,407	17.16%	18.3%	16.0%
10-14	14,490	7,423	7,067	38.08%	38.2%	38.0%
15 - 19	8,998	4,425	4,573	22.23%	21.8%	22.7%
20 - 24	-5,506	-2,929	-2,577	-10.88%	-12.0%	-9.9%
25 - 29	-14,530	-7,671	-6,859	-23.60%	-25.5%	-21.8%
30 - 34	-8,746	-4,749	-3,997	-13.87%	-15.4%	-12.4%
35 - 39	3,908	1,292	2,616	6.87%	4.7%	8.9%
40 - 44	10,355	4,692	5,663	19.80%	18.6%	20.9%
45 - 49	16,224	7,541	8,683	39.64%	38.4%	40.8%
50 - 54	18,126	8,556	9,570	54.49%	53.7%	55.2%
55 - 59	5,001	2,125	2,876	15.22%	13.5%	16.8%
60 - 64	-5,005	-2,325	-2,680	-14.31%	-14.3%	-14.3%
65 - 69	-6,609	-2,653	-3,956	-19.45%	-17.6%	-20.9%
70 - 74	2,708	1,087	1,621	10.63%	9.9%	11.2%
75 - 79	7,789	3,354	4,435	43.95%	48.6%	41.0%
80 - 84	5,479	2,496	2,983	49.74%	67.3%	40.8%
85+	4,119	1,474	2,645	47.68%	70.1%	40.5%
TOTALS	62,158	27,008	35,150	8.98%	8.2%	9.7%

DEPENDENT POPULATION

The dependent population is defined as that population 19 years and under and those who are over the age of 60. Within this age group, there are those who need child care (5 years of age and under), the school age population (K-12), and seniors (at age 60 individuals are beginning to think about retirement).

POPULATION UNDER 5

The under 5 age group is that segment of the population that is in need of all day child care for working mothers and fathers. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the under 5 population decreased by 2,028 persons between April 1, 1990 and April 1, 2000. The male population for that age group decreased by 1,108 while the female population decreased by 920. The

Regional Planning Districts of Liberty-Lochearn (3,714), Towson-Loch Raven (3,315), and Reisterstown/Owings Mills (3,184) have the largest number of persons under the age of five, while Reisterstown/Owings Mills (7.4%), Middle River (7.3%), and Security (7.2%) have the largest percentage of persons under the age of 5. There are 824 more males than females in the under 5 age group.

POPULATION 5 TO 19

Persons between the age of 5 and 19 are considered school age and are enrolled in school from kindergarten through high school. The number of persons in this age group increased from 121,567 in 1990 to 152,440 in 2000. Towson-Loch Raven (12,397), Liberty Lochearn (12,373), and Perry Hall/White Marsh (10,694) have the largest

number of persons between the age of 5 and 19, while Jacksonville (24.6%), Hereford/Maryland Line (24.0%), and Overlea (22.4) have the largest percentage of persons between the age of 5 and 19. There are 2,306 more males than females in this age group for 2000.

POPULATION 60 PLUS

The number of seniors, persons 60 age or older, increased from 131,832 in 1990 to 140,313 in 2000. The number of persons over 60 years of age grew by 8,481 or 6.4% during the ten years between 1990 and 2000. There are 23,371 more females than males in this age group for 2000. The largest number of persons 60 and older are located in Towson (14,137), Perry Hall/White Marsh (10,025), and Greenspring Valley/Pikesville (9,975), while the largest percentage were in Rosedale (28.9%), Ruxton (27.8%), and Fork (25.7%).

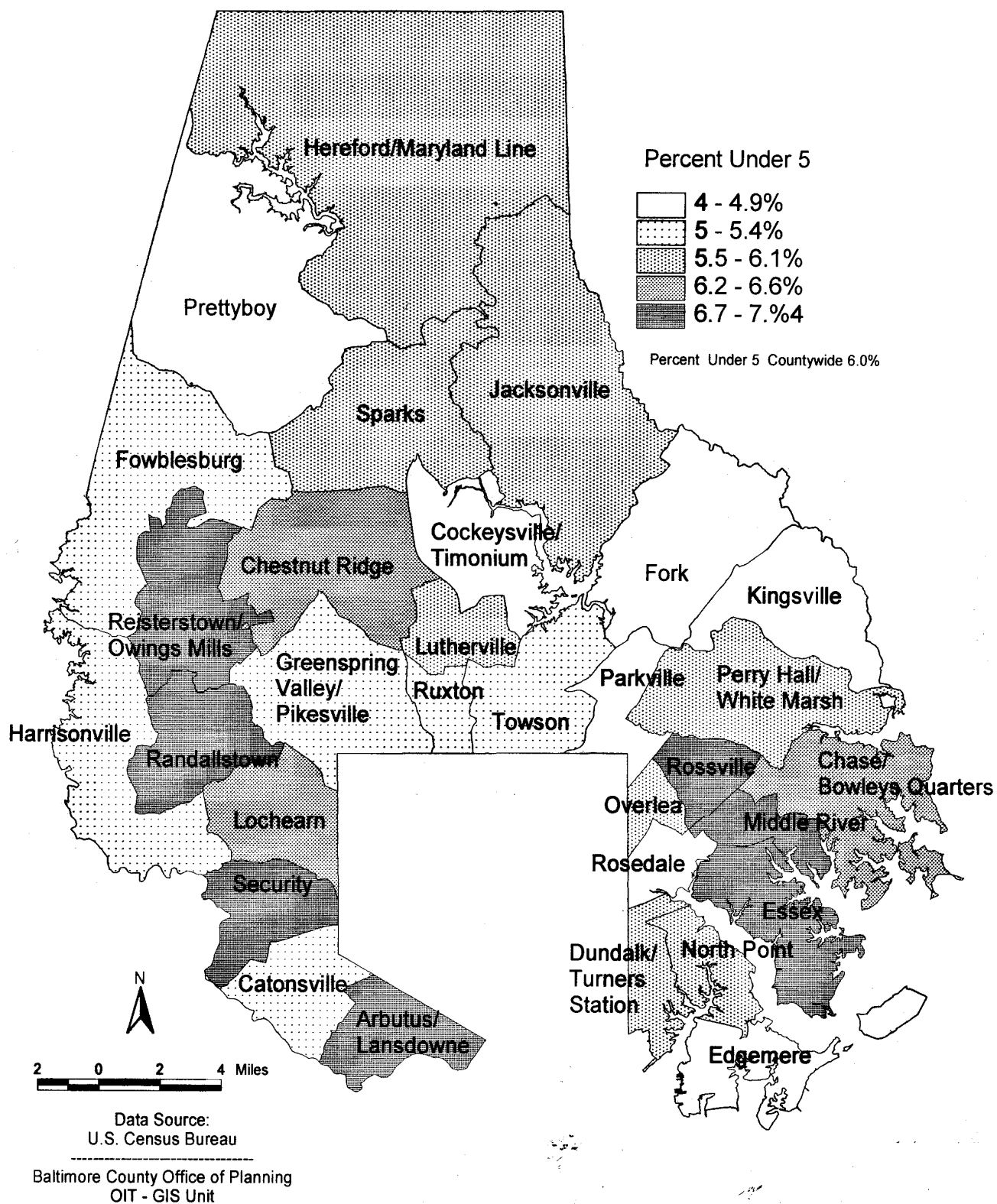
DEPENDENT POPULATION, APRIL 1, 2000

AGE	BOTH SEXES	MALE	FEMALE
UNDER 5	45,252	23,038	22,214
5 TO 19	152,440	77,373	75,067
60 +	140,313	58,471	81,842
TOTALS	338,005	158,882	179,123

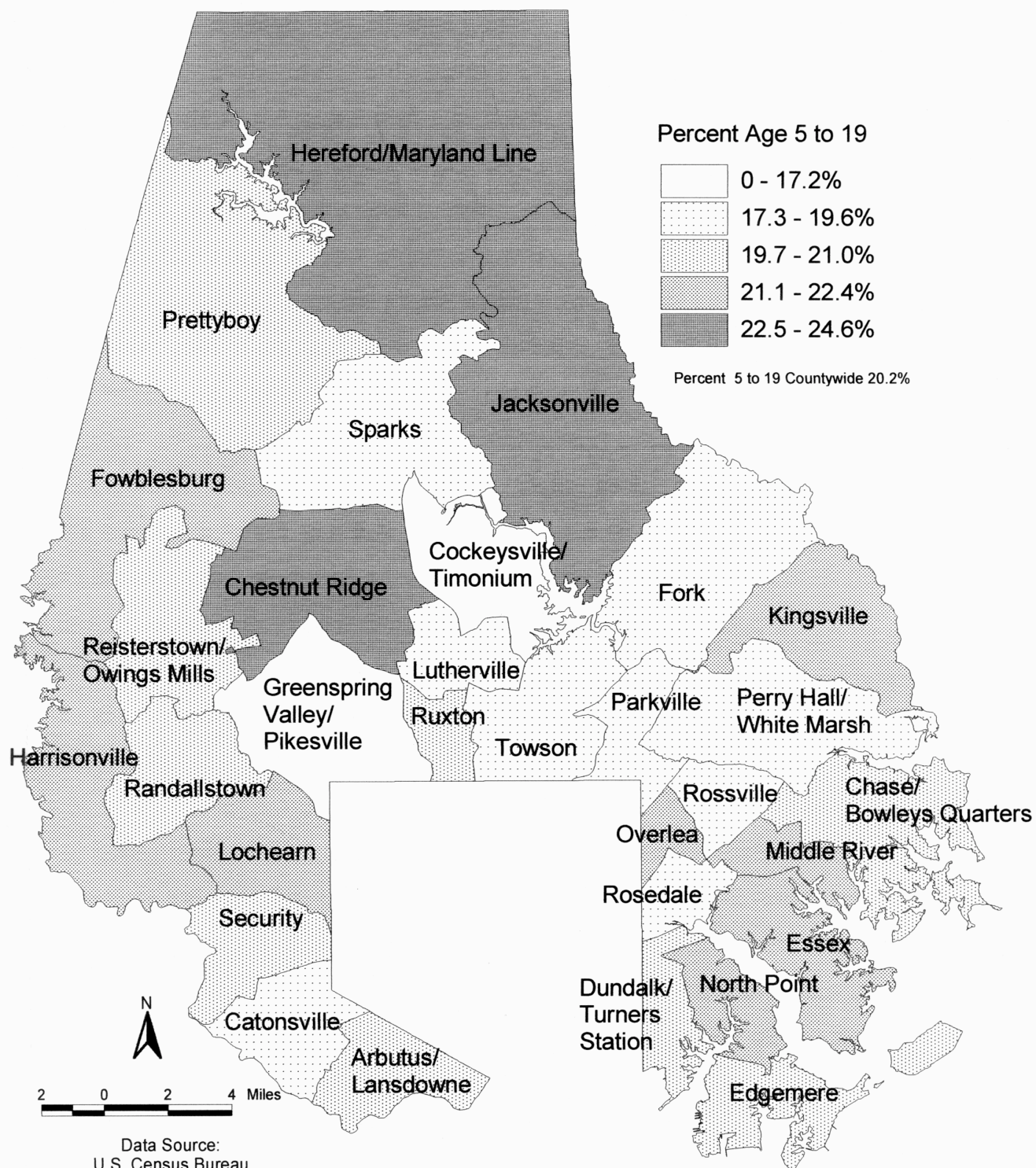
POPULATION BY AGE, APRIL 1, 2000

RPD	REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICTS	TOTAL	UNDER 5	PERCENT UNDER 5	5 TO 19	PERCENT 5 TO 19	OVER 60	PERCENT OVER 60
301	HEREFORD/MARYLAND LINE	13,113	766	5.8%	3,147	24.0%	1,818	13.9%
302	PRETTYBOY	4,025	194	4.8%	842	20.9%	790	19.6%
303	FOWBLESBURG	4,284	222	5.2%	931	21.7%	774	18.1%
304	SPARKS	7,436	446	6.0%	1,392	18.7%	1,358	18.3%
305	JACKSONVILLE	10,834	599	5.5%	2,666	24.6%	1,770	16.3%
306	REISTERSTOWN/OWINGS MILLS	43,049	3,184	7.4%	9,006	20.9%	4,685	10.9%
307	CHESTNUT RIDGE	13,534	869	6.4%	3,227	23.8%	2,168	16.0%
308	LUTHERVILLE	24,608	1,368	5.6%	4,605	18.7%	6,128	24.9%
309	COCKEYSVILLE/TIMONIUM	25,368	1,207	4.8%	4,082	16.1%	4,352	17.2%
310	FORK	7,001	322	4.6%	1,374	19.6%	1,800	25.7%
311	HARRISONVILLE	4,357	231	5.3%	953	21.9%	847	19.4%
312	RANDALLSTOWN	39,635	2,724	6.9%	7,941	20.0%	5,527	13.9%
313	GREENSPRING VALLEY-PIKESVILLE	39,652	1,975	5.0%	6,827	17.2%	9,975	25.2%
314	RUXTON	5,243	282	5.4%	1,069	20.4%	1,456	27.8%
315	TOWSON-LOCH RAVEN	64,848	3,315	5.1%	12,397	19.1%	14,137	21.8%
316	PARKVILLE	33,337	1,628	4.9%	6,373	19.1%	7,178	21.5%
317	PERRY HALL/WHITE MARSH	54,648	3,169	5.8%	10,694	19.6%	10,025	18.3%
318	KINGSVILLE	5,272	245	4.6%	1,146	21.7%	1,098	20.8%
319	LIBERTY-LOCHEARN	55,872	3,714	6.6%	12,373	22.1%	8,409	15.1%
320	OVERLEA	16,038	976	6.1%	3,594	22.4%	2,898	18.1%
321	ROSSVILLE	12,459	889	7.1%	2,294	18.4%	1,497	12.0%
322	CHASE-BOWLEYS QUARTERS	17,671	1,117	6.3%	3,552	20.1%	2,904	16.4%
323	SECURITY	38,268	2,770	7.2%	8,033	21.0%	5,730	15.0%
324	CATONSVILLE	33,555	1,676	5.0%	6,532	19.5%	8,041	24.0%
325	ARBUTUS/LANSDOWNE	35,840	2,530	7.1%	7,494	20.9%	5,806	16.2%
326	ROSEDALE	10,971	439	4.0%	1,967	17.9%	3,167	28.9%
327	MIDDLE RIVER	17,307	1,255	7.3%	3,704	21.4%	2,658	15.4%
328	ESSEX	44,513	3,146	7.1%	9,666	21.7%	7,418	16.7%
329	DUNDALK/TURNERS STATION	37,702	2,141	5.7%	7,453	19.8%	8,899	23.6%
330	NORTH POINT	24,776	1,478	6.0%	5,256	21.2%	5,024	20.3%
331	EDGEMERE	9,076	375	4.1%	1,850	20.4%	1,976	21.8%
TOTALS		754,292	45,252	6.0%	152,440	20.2%	140,313	18.6%

PERCENT OF POPULATION UNDER 5 YEARS OF AGE, APRIL 1, 2000

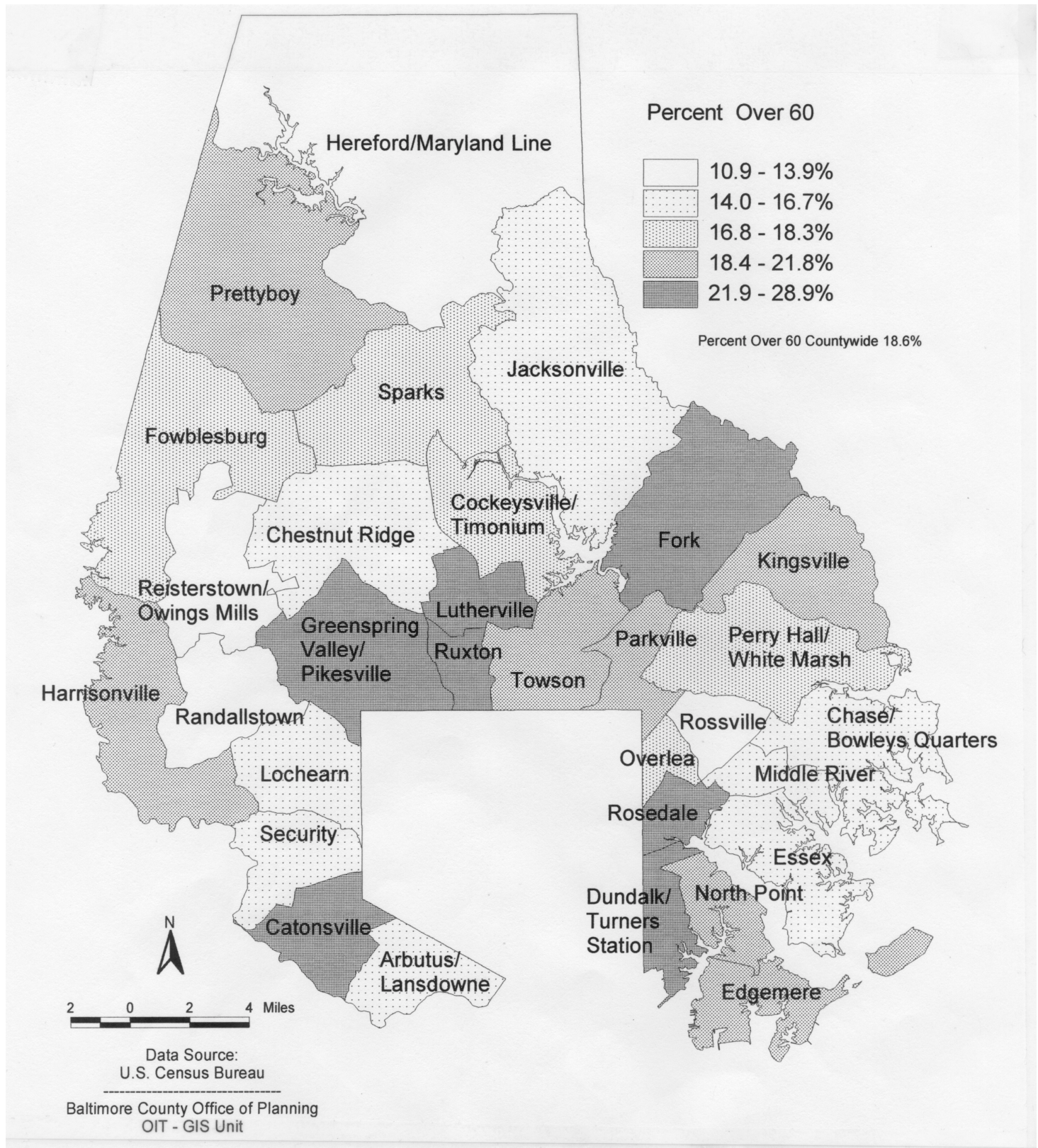


PERCENT OF POPULATION 5 TO 19, APRIL 1, 2000

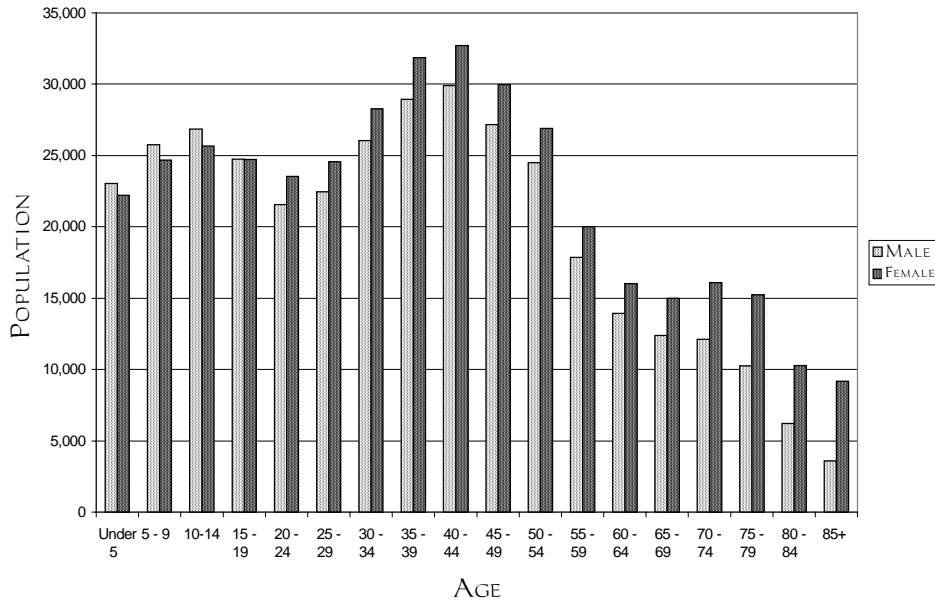


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PERCENT OF POPULATION OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE, APRIL 1, 2000



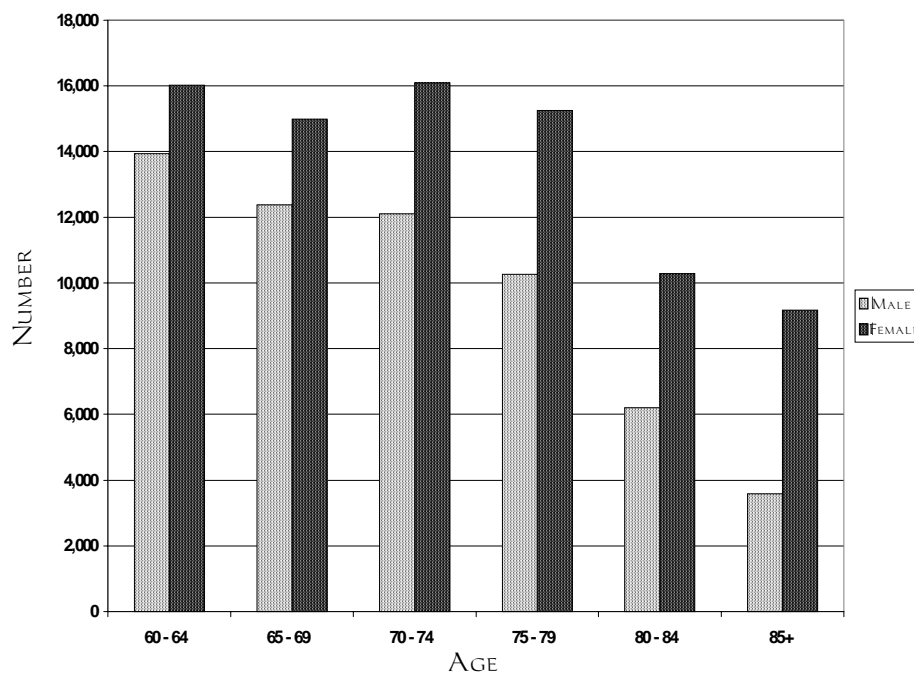
TOTAL POPULATION BY AGE BY SEX, APRIL 1, 2000



POPULATION BY SEX

There were 357,347 males and 396,945 females in Baltimore County on April 1, 2000. Males represent 47.4 percent of the population while females represent 52.6. The number of males residing in Baltimore County was greater than the number of females. As the population ages, the number of males remains greater than the number of females until the age of 15. After that point, females begin to outnumber males at all age groups. The survival rate for males is lower than females. At the upper age groups, 60 and above, the number of females are much greater than the number of males. Females aged 85 and above, double that of males in the same age group.

POPULATION BY SELECTIVE AGE GROUP, 2000



PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

As the age structure in Baltimore County changes, the affect of those changes will impact the need for child care for working parents, the need for more class rooms, more recreational activities for the school age population and the need for more senior services and activities. These changes will impact the County's operational and capital budgets in the years to come. Some of the questions policy makers will be asking are:

- ◆ Is there a need for more public child care, not only day care but also, before and after school care?

- ◆ Will we need more schools (elementary, middle or high) and where?

- ◆ What kind and type of services are required to address the needs of seniors in Baltimore County?

- ◆ What impact will a large elderly population have on health and transportation?

- ◆ Is there a need for more senior housing?

- ◆ As neighborhoods age and mature, how can these homes and communities be made more attractive for new, younger home buyers?

These and other questions will need to be answered as Baltimore County develops its policies, plans, and activities for the future.

Census Information on the Worldwide Web

More detailed information from the Census is available on the following websites:

Census Bureau's web site:
<http://factfinder.census.gov>


Maryland State Data web site:
<http://www.op.state.md.us/>

MSDC/Baltimore Metropolitan Council
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